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Pfeiffer's Corner School House
Pfeiffer's Corner
Private

The Pfeiffer's Corner one room school house with vestibule faces west on a gently sloping knoll on the east side of old route 175.

Before it was constructed, children in the area walked to John Miller's adjacent barn to attend school. Mrs. Edith Curtis, the second teacher here, walked across the fields to school with her sister Ida Christian, as a little girl of four years.

Initially a three bay wide, three bay deep, one story high, gabled roof (running east-west) frame structure set on a stone foundation, it now has three gabled roof dormer windows set into its north wall holding six-over-one rectangular windows. The south wall holds a similiar dormer in the west bay and an "A" framed dormer in the east bay holding two-over-two lights. A south rectangular central entrance covered by a gabled roof portico replaces the central bay's original rectangular double-hung window while the window of the west bay is now boarded up.

The central square brick chimney completes the buildings profile.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY MAGI# 1404415604

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

The Pfeiffer's Corner School House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

6351 Waterloo Rd. (MD 108)

CITY, TOWN

Pfeiffer's Corner

STATE

Maryland

☒ VICINITY OF Oakland Mills

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

COUNTY

Howard

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES RESTRICTED
☐ YES UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

William Tittsworth

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

6351 Waterloo Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Pfeiffer's Corner

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21227

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE Tax Map 37 p. 404
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC Hall of Records

Liber #: 220/167

Folio #: 421/446

STREET & NUMBER

Howard County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Howard County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1977

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

21 State Circle, Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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Dist. 1

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE _____

Circa 1895

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Pfeiffer's Corner School House sits on the top of a gentle knoll on what used to be called route 175, just south of Mayfield Road. It faces west and is surrounded by mature trees.

The original central, rectangular entrance door on the west wall is approached by a wooden stoop and flanked by rectangular six-over-six windows.

The South Elevation

The South elevation holds an entrance covered by a gabled roof portico supported by two wooden posts and approached by three open wooden steps. The rectangular window to the west is boarded, while that on the east is double hung, holding six-over-six lights.

An "A" framed dormer window on the east holds a double-hung window with two-over-two lights, while a gabled roof dormer holds a similar window with six-over-one lights.

The North Elevation

The north elevation holds three first floor, double-hung windows. That in the central bay holds eight-over-eight lights, that on each side holds six-over-six lights.

Three gabled roof dormer windows rest above. Those in the east and west bays hold six-over-one lights, that in the central bay is wider, holding a double, rectangular window, each component holding six-over-one lights.

Back of the old school house was once a bin for coal and wood for the stove which sat in the middle of the school room.

The "Aunt Sally House" still remains south of the building. Originally there were two such facilities, one for girls and one for boys.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES circa 1895

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Pfeiffer's Corner School House is significant historically and architecturally as an early Howard County School building. Mrs. Edith Curtis, a life long resident of the area and second teacher of the school, relates that prior to the construction of this school building, the children living in this area attended school in Mr. John Miller's adjacent barn. Mrs. Curtis recalls the school house being constructed when she first went to school with her older sister, Ida Christian, since their mother didn't want Ida walking across the fields alone.

The new school house consisted of a vestibule and one large room with a stove in the center. The teacher sat at one end of the room on a platform. One teacher taught all the grades.

Architecturally, it has been altered to accommodate the Tittsworth family who bought the building for their private residence. The dormer windows are additions as well as the north and south entrances.

It is representative of how American architecture grows and adapts itself to new uses, creating additional space with the use of dormer windows.

For these reasons the Pfeiffer's Corner School House should be placed on the National Register and future local landmark legislation.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Mrs. Edith Curtis on October 5, 1977.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.06 Acres

(Please see Attachment 1, Tax Map #37, p.404)

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Please see liber 220, folio 421.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Howard

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cleora Barnes Thompson, Archivist

ORGANIZATION

Office of Planning & Zoning-Comprehensive Planning Section

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

3450 Court House Drive

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ellicott City

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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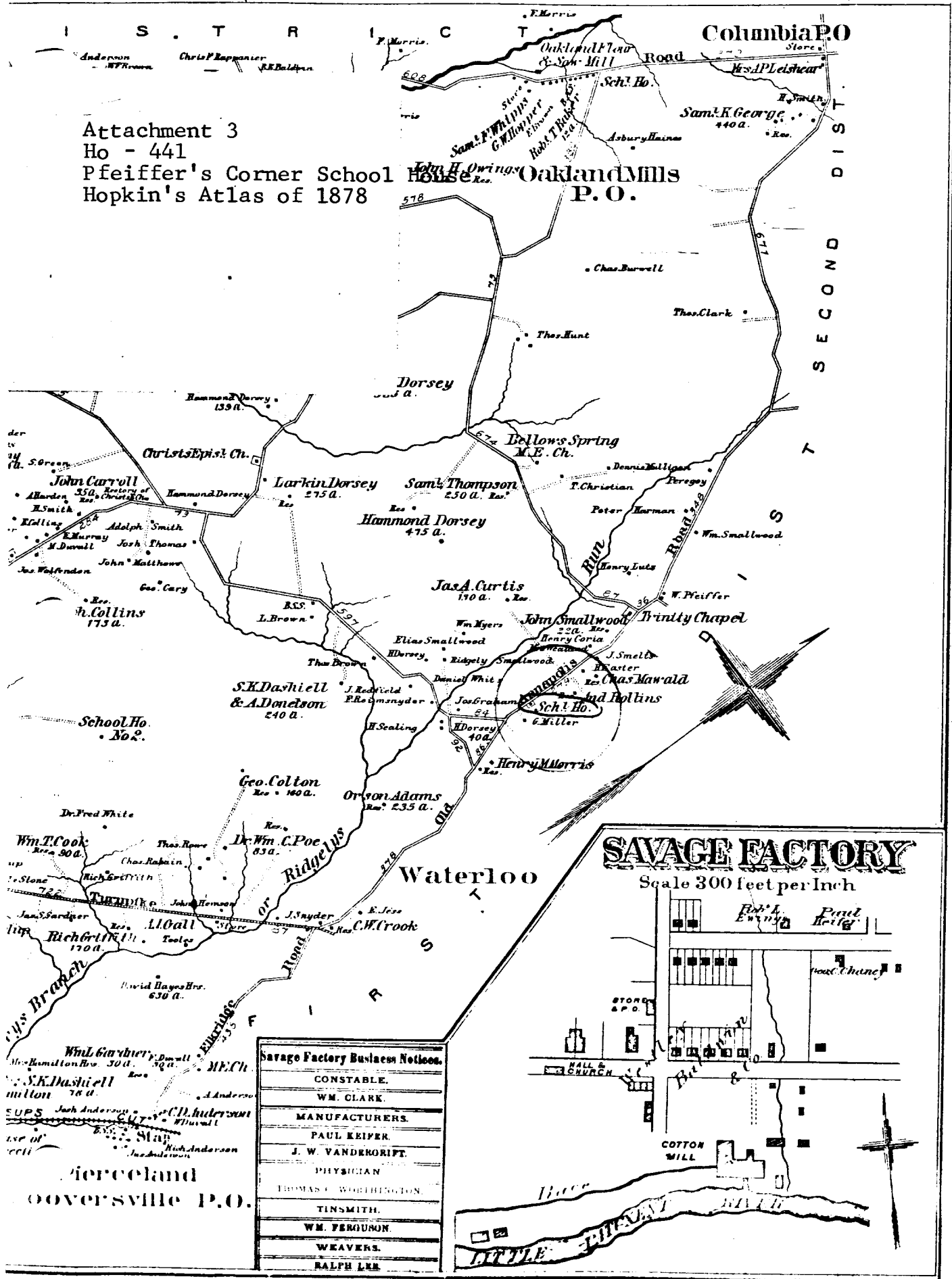
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Attachment 3

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Pfeiffer's Corner School House

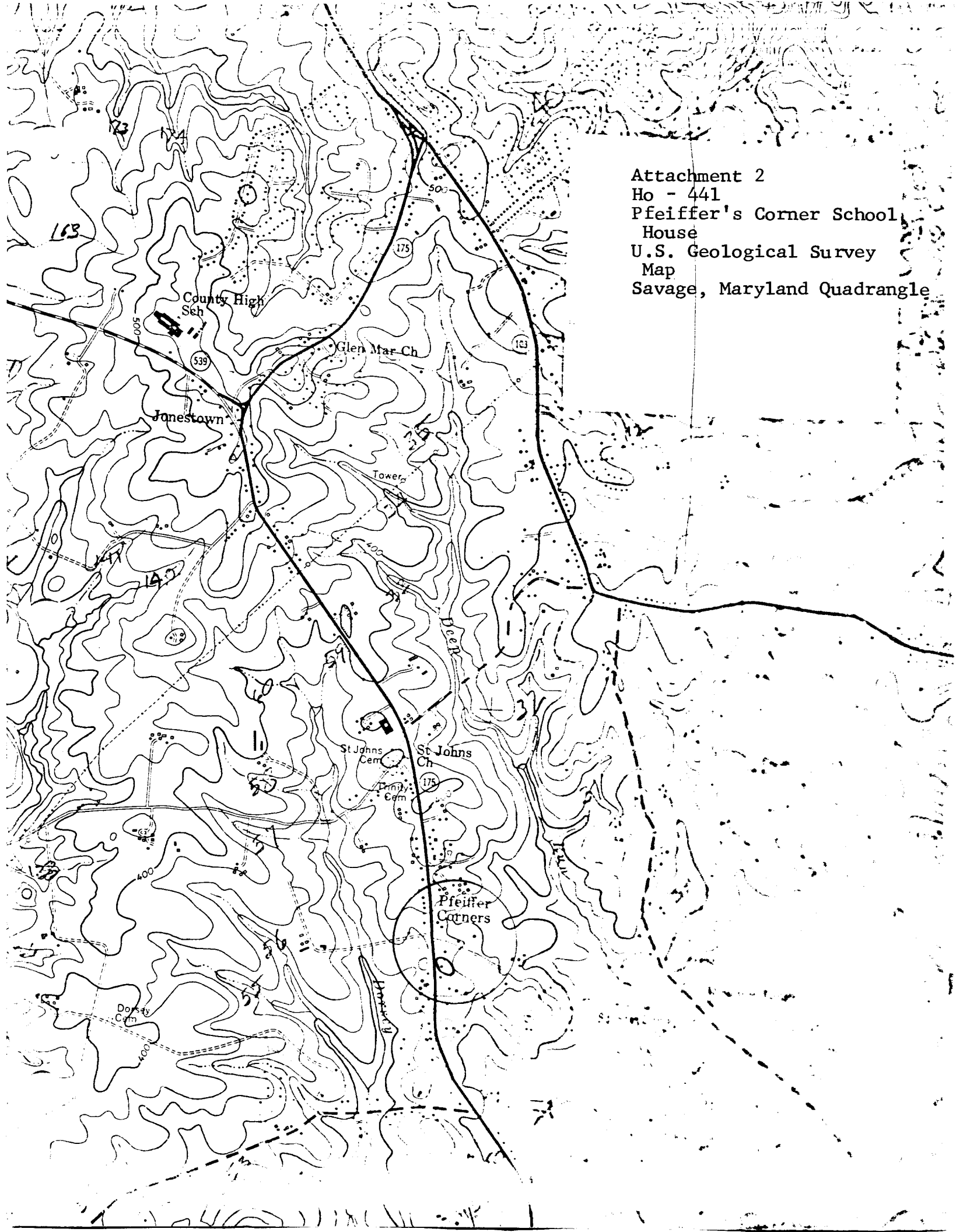
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Attachment 1
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Pfeiffer's Corner School
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Tax Map 37, p. 404



Attachment 2
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Pfeiffer's Corner School
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U.S. Geological Survey
Map
Savage, Maryland Quadrangle





Pfeiffers Corner Schoolhouse
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Pfeiffers Corners Schoolhouse
Howard County

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Old Pfeiffer's Corner School
(SOUTH WEST)

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